MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : With regard to the answer to part (3) of the question, *viz.*, " the question has been dropped on learning from the local officers that the people to be benefited by the road were not keen about the matter ", will the Government be pleased to state who are the local officers concerned?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The officers of the Land Revenue and the Public Works Departments.

License Fee on Boats.

69. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the action taken on the representation made on behalf of the Travancore Boatmen's Association for reducing the license fee for country canoes and for making the fee payable in two instalments, instead of in one lump sum as at present?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The representation was referred to the Chief Engineer who reports that it is not feasible to grant the prayers and the Government agree with him.

Deepening of Waterways between Quilon and Trivandrum.

70. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the action taken on the representation made on behalf of the Travancore Boatmen's Association for deepening parts of the waterway from Quilon to Trivandrum, the shallowness of which during the major part of the year causes great hardship and loss of time and money to boatmen and merchants?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The representation was referred to the Chief Engineer who reports that instructions have been issued to keep the canal route in good navigable condition.

Qualifications for Officers testing Motor Buses.

71. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names of the persons appointed to test the structural fitness of motor buses and to issue certificates, basing which permits are issued to ply them for hire ;

(*b*) the qualifications of each ;

(*c*) whether they had, at the time of their appointment, any special training in Motor Engineering, and, if so, where and for what period ;

(*d*) whether they had any practical experience in Motor Engineering at the time they were appointed ;

(*e*) whether they had worked in any motor workshop, and, if so, where and for what period ; and

(*f*) (i) the names of the persons who applied for being appointed to test the structural fitness of motor buses, since the abolition of the post of Motor Bus Inspector ;

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